

SUBCOMMITTEE #3: Health & Human Services

Chair, Senator Bill Monning

**Senator Mark DeSaulnier
Senator Bill Emmerson**



Outcomes of May 9, 2013 Hearing - Agenda I

Staff: Jennifer Troia

A. 4300 Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

1. Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC)

- 1) Approved (2-1, Emmerson no) the proposed resources and authority for 36 new positions on a two-year, time-limited basis, to be reevaluated consistent with the client census and an updated status regarding staff vacancies at the facility at the end of that period.
- 2) Directed (3-0) the department to provide quarterly briefings to update legislative staff regarding implementation of corrective actions and the Program Improvement Plan for the facility, as well as its staffing (e.g., the use of overtime and the ratio of licensed-to-unlicensed staff, where relevant) and the collaboration between DDS and regional centers regarding required assessments of residents' needs. These briefings shall begin in July 2013.

2. Lanterman Developmental Center

- 1) Given the anticipated timeline for closure of the facility, approved (2-1, Emmerson no) enhanced funding for the 88 requested positions on an 18 month, limited-term basis. Noted that some of these positions may cease to be needed prior to the expiration of that term and that some may require a longer duration. The more specific timing for the expiration of authority for these positions should be refined as part of the 2014-15 budget process.
- 2) Directed (3-0) the department to provide quarterly briefings to Legislative staff on the meeting of milestones and timelines as previously outlined by the department. These briefings shall begin in July 2013 and may coincide with the briefings mentioned above related to the Sonoma DC.

- 3) Finally, adopted (2-0, Emmerson abstained) uncodified trailer bill language to reflect the department's anticipated timeframe for closure of the facility of the Fall of 2014 (no later than December 31, 2014).

B. 5180 Department of Social Services

1. Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) for Child Welfare Services

- 1) Approved (2-1, Emmerson no) the requested resources and position.
- 2) Adopted (2-1, Emmerson no) placeholder trailer bill language to clarify some of the concrete reforms that should take effect in the shorter term, including:
 - a) Limitations on, and/or levels of review needed for, placements in group homes, particularly for children as young as six to twelve years old;
 - b) A requirement for the department to update the Legislature regarding the outcomes of the assessments and planning regarding transitions to family settings for children and youth who have been in group homes for longer than one year; and
 - c) Encouragement for the department to ensure that education, qualification and training requirements for direct care staff in group homes are consistent with the intended role of group homes as short-term placements focused on crisis intervention, and behavioral stabilization, with specific treatment goals.